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### **Senator Robin Wright-Jones to Accompany Governor on Trip to Visit Local Restaurant**

*Sweetie Pie's Restaurant Would Benefit from State's Economic Tools*

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JEFFERSON CITY – State Sen. Robin Wright-Jones, D-St. Louis, will be visiting Sweetie Pie's Restaurant (4270 Manchester Ave.) in St. Louis with Gov. Jeremiah "Jay" Nixon at 1:45 p.m. today (2-17) to help announce economic development tools designed to assist local businesses.

Several measures have already been filed in the Senate this year to target small business growth and job creation in Missouri. One such measure, [Senate Concurrent Resolution 49](#), introduced in the Senate by Sen. Wright-Jones this week, requests the President of the United States and members of Congress to take proactive steps to create jobs and enact fiscal relief for state and local governments to foster growth in Missouri, avoid further budget catastrophes, and ensure that not only Missouri, but all the states in the nation, perform the core functions for American families while delivering jobs to U.S. citizens.

"I filed this resolution in response to our state's dismal statistics regarding job loss, our rising unemployment rate, and the increasing number of homeless citizens," said Sen. Wright-Jones. "In 2009, employers in Missouri cut 62,600 payroll positions, and from December 2008 to December 2009, the unemployment rate in our state grew from 7.1 percent to 9.6 percent. Currently, there are approximately 14,000 homeless children in our state. Sadly, the number of homeless citizens continues to grow as the safety net of services for Missouri's homeless, hungry, ill, and at-risk citizens is imperiled by funding cuts and a declining amount of charitable donations."

While visiting Sweetie Pie's Restaurant, Sen. Wright-Jones will see first-hand how Missouri's economic tools can benefit small businesses, not just in St. Louis, but throughout the state.

"I am looking forward to this visit and the chance to meet the hard-working employees of Sweetie Pie's Restaurant," said Sen. Wright-Jones. "Sweetie Pie's is a perfect example of a business that can benefit from Missouri's current economic incentives and legislation filed this year that can help businesses grow and thrive into the future."

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